

What is claimed is:

l	\1.	A data storage apparatus comprising:
2		an interface configured to receive digital data; and
3		a data processor communicatively coupled to the interface and being configured to
4	\	automatically receive digital data from the interface and cause the digital
5		data to be stored to a write-once-read-many (WORM) storage device

- 1 2. The apparatus as recited in Claim 1, further comprising a WORM storage device.
- The apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein the data processor is further

 configured to generate one or more indexes for data stored to the WORM storage

 device.
- 1 4. The apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein the data processor is further
 2 configured to generate meta data that describes one or more attributes of the data
 3 stored to the WORM storage device.
- The apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein the data processor is further configured to

 process a search query, and
- in response to processing the search query, generate data that identifies data stored on the WORM storage device that satisfies the search query.
- The apparatus as recited in Claim 4, wherein the data processor is further configured to process the search query against one or more indexes generated by the data processor.
- 7. The apparatus as recited in Claim 4, wherein the data processor is further configured to automatically process the search query according to a set of one or more time criteria.
- 1 8. The apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein the digital data includes facsimile data.



1	9.	The apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein the digital data includes electronic
2	\	document data.
1	10.	The apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein the digital data includes printer data.
1	11.	The apparatus as recited in Claim 1, wherein:
2	\	the data is stored on an WORM optical medium, and
3		the data processor is further configured to cause a label to be applied to the
4		WORM optical medium, wherein the label specifies one or more attributes
5		of the data.
1	12.	A method for storing data comprising the computer-implemented steps of:
2		receiving digital data to be stored; and
3		automatically causing the digital data to be stored to a write-once-read-many
4		(WORM) storage device without human intervention.
1	13.	The method as recited in Claim 12, further comprising generating one or more
2		indexes for data stored to the WORM storage device.
1	14.	The method as recited in Claim 12, further comprising generating meta data that
2		describes one or more attributes of the data stored to the WORM storage device.
1	15.	The method as recited in Claim 12, further comprising:
2		receiving a search query,
3		processing the search query, and
4		generating data that identifies data stored on the WORM storage device that
5		satisfies the search query.
1	16.	The method as recited in Claim 15, further comprising processing the search
2		query against one or more indexes.
1	17.	The method as recited in Claim 15, further comprising automatically processing
2		the search query according to a set of one or more time criteria.
1	18.	The method as recited in Claim 12, wherein the digital data includes facsimile

data.

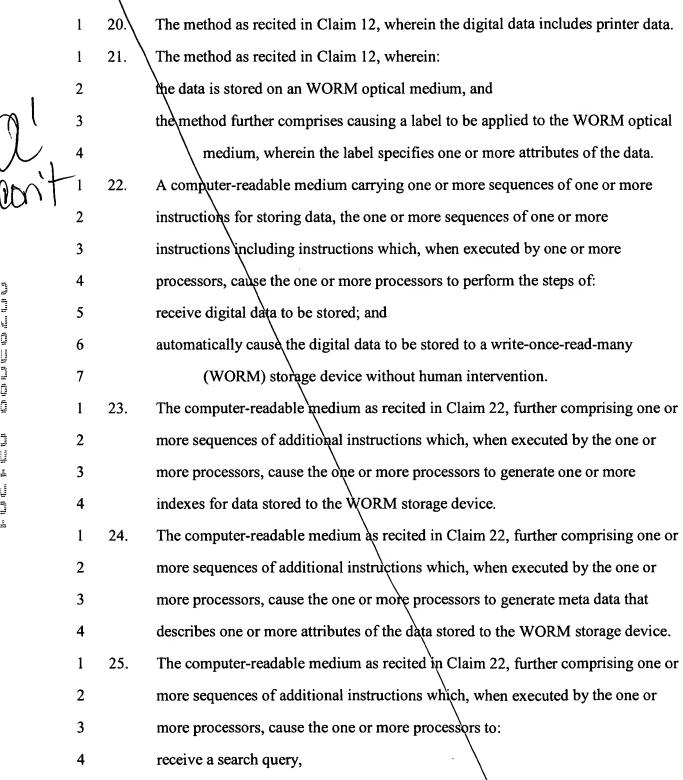
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